## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## HIGHWAY 1/ROCKY CREEK VIADUCT PROJECT IS UNDERWAY— OVERNIGHT CLOSURES TO BEGIN OCTOBER 11

**MONTEREY COUNTY** – Following the survey results from the Big Sur community, the hours for full closures of Hwy. 1 at Rocky Creek will be 9 pm to 7 am beginning Thursday, Oct. 11 through the end of February, Caltrans officials have announced.

Roadwork will occur seven days a week, 24/7 with one-way signalized traffic control. Traffic will be stopped for 10 minutes at a time. However, full overnight closures will take place five nights a week Sundays through Thursdays.

The project to construct a permanent viaduct about 15 miles south of Carmel near the Rocky Creek Bridge along Highway 1 began on Sept. 4. Completion is scheduled by Labor Day 2013, weather permitting.

This project came about after a roadway slipout caused severe damage to the southbound lane and required Hwy. 1 to be closed from north of Big Sur and south of Carmel at Rocky Creek from March 17 through April 16, 2011. The contractor for this \$11 million project is Golden State Bridge Inc. of Martinez.

In order to minimize traffic impact as part of the project, there will be advance notification for motorists, residents and businesses via a traffic hotline, electronic message signs and email notifications.

Caltrans reminds motorists to move over and slow down when driving through highway work zones.

For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/">http://www.dot.ca.gov/dist05/projects/</a> or contact the Hwy. 1 Cambria to Carmel Toll-Free Hotline at 888-836-0866.







Hwy. 1 Viaduct Simulation-Facing South

